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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20. Please add claims 21-81.

21. A method of identifying financial instruments meeting

predetermined investment criteria, comprising the steps of:

retrieving financial instrument data from at least one data source;

processing the financial instrument data to identify values for a set of searchable parameters corresponding to the predetermined investment criteria for particular financial

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